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Almost every community in the Province is linked with the Council through individual, family and group members, affiliated agencies and contact persons, providing a wide information-sharing network. Membership alone, represents over 100 communities.

The Provincial Government, through the Ministry of Social Services and Housing, supports the work of the Council by providing office space and salaries for a director and assistant, who are assisted by 9 part-time volunteers. Programs are funded by donations, grants and membership fees.

The work of the Council is based on the belief that families, although changing and adapting as they have through history, do have great strengths, and, if given help when needed, and enough power, can be a major force for the betterment of our society.

We believe that healthy families contribute to healthy communities and a healthy society.

The British Columbia Council for the Family welcomes your interest and support.

The British Columbia Council for the Family, operating under the *Society Act* of British Columbia, has three objectives:

(a) To be a forum where responsible representatives of communities throughout the Province may communicate to each other, and to government and voluntary agencies, their concerns about the needs of the family and receive help in preparing plans and projects to meet such needs;

(b) To stimulate and facilitate self-help projects to support and strengthen families;

(c) In association with appropriate bodies, local, provincial, national or international, to further public knowledge and promote public concern about the well-being of the family.

The British Columbia Council for the Family is a non-profit organization which was incorporated March 23, 1977. The Council is the only provincial agency wholly concerned with the well-being of families.

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Board of Directors

Officers of the Society:

President	Dr. Rob Lees	Chilliwack
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2nd Vice President		
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Dr. Har B. Singh	Victoria
Joyce Statton	Vancouver
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Lesley Taylor	Richmond
Jon F. Tollestrup	North Vancouver
Dodie Trimble	Penticton
John Voykin	Castlegar
Winnifred Weir	Invermere

Staff

Executive Director	Dr. Carol Matusicky
Executive Assistant	Diane E. Taylor
Part Time:	Daniel Kreller

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This first year as President has given me an overview of the Council, and a new respect for it's value in British Columbia. The Council has, in ten years, contributed substantially to the dialogue on families. It has provided many resources of help to families and family support organizations. Generally it has been a forum and voice for preventative ideas related to family living. The high standard with which all this has been carried out, within the confines of a voluntary, charitable organization, has lead to many new demands being placed upon the Council and its staff. You will read about much of this in our Executive Director's Report.

It was a pleasure for me to chair my first two board meetings as President. The perennial issue of how best to use the limited time the Board has together led to experimentation. All Board Members were assigned to Standing Committees. Time was allocated to all Committees to meet during the Board Meeting. Also, the office has made an effort to supply support documentation in advance so that Board members come prepared to consult and offer their reasoned opinion on a variety of current issues facing families and the Council. These initiatives on interaction at the Board, combined with the diverse mix of Board members, strengthens our Board in its capacity as an important forum on families in B.C. Further, our Spring meeting had representation from all of the political parties as we welcomed Joyce Statton (Liberal Party), Gloria Levi (N.D.P.) and The Hon. Jim Rabbitt (Social Credit), as well as our faithful Nancy Roseborough (Conservative).

Throughout this year Dr. Matusicky and I have made efforts to visit members of the Provincial Cabinet and Legislature. These visits have been to aquaint Government with the Council, the resources it offers and some of our hopes for new directions. Throughout the Council's history the Provincial Government has been supportive of our work. Hopefully these visits have strengthened this unique partnership of Government and voluntary organization. Courtesy calls have been paid to the Hon. Claude Richmond, Minister of Social Service and Housing; The Hon. Peter Dueck, Minister of Health; The Hon. Elwood Veitch, Provincial Secretary; The Hon. Brian Smith, Attorney-General; The Hon. Tony Brumment, Minister of Education; The Hon. John Cashore, N.D.P. Social Services Critic; The Hon. Mike Harcourt,

Leader of the Opposition and the Hon. Bill Vander Zalm, Premier. We also met with Mr. Jim Carter, new Deputy Minister of Social Services and Housing and Mr. David Poole, the Premier's principal secretary.

The Executive has initiated some new directions with relation to the Newsletter. A first edition has been contracted out to a professional editor and photographer, and considerable effort has been expended by Bill Powell to establish an advertising base. There are two goals here: a) to remove some of the work of the Newsletter from our office staff. b) for the Newsletter to evolve into more of a magazine format with content of general interest to families and those who offer supportive services to families.

It is my hope that in this year the ground work has been laid for some major new initiatives. The marriage preparation proposal is still before the Government, as is our need for a writer/researcher to augment the work of Dr. Matusicky and to consolidate changes in the Newsletter. I hope that this next year will see a strengthening of our membership that will compliment the changes in the Newsletter. I expect that we will soon formalize an association with the National Council on Family Relations as the Council becomes one of their affiliates.

A highlight of my year as President was to be a part of the Distinguished Service to Families Award Ceremony at Government House, hosted by His Honour Lt. Gov. Robert Rogers. It has also been a privilege to work alongside of Carol Matusicky, the other Executive Members, and to have the support of Diane Taylor and the fine volunteers of the Victoria Office.

ROBERT LEES, Ed. D

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

In highlighting the activities of the B.C. Council for the Family for the fiscal year April 1, 1986 to March 31, 1987 I wish to extend my deepest appreciation to the innumerable people and groups who participate in and support the work of the Council.

The activities of the 1986-87 fiscal year will be presented under the following headings: PUBLICATIONS, NETWORKING, and NEW INITIATIVES.

PUBLICATIONS:

A major handbook - **Parents of Teens Handbook**, written by Judy Assoon and Kathy Lynn, was completed in March 1987. Response and demand for the handbook has been overwhelming. The Council's distribution of the series **Notes for Parents** has been expanded from 12 to 15 Notes. This series, with its focus on prevention, enrichment, self-help, and support, continues to be in demand from parents, day-care workers, primary teachers, and all who care for young children.

Another series of 12 pamphlets which focuses on issues of interest to parents of infants and toddlers has been re-printed because of heavy demand. Several new publications are in the process of development - notably a handbook for use by parents and early childhook educators; several new pamphlets under the Council's Masthead TAKING A CLOSER LOOK are also in the development stage.

The distribution of Council publications has increased dramatically over the past three fiscal years. For example, the Council's pamphlet TRANSITION: LEAVING AN ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIP has been distributed widely to every province in Canada and to several States.

NETWORKING:

NETWORKING is one of the functions that has been a hallmark of the Council from its beginnings. In our geographically expansive province, sharing information, linking groups, acting as a resource and referral, consulting with families and groups, listening to their concerns and supporting their strengths has always assumed a high priority with both the Board and staff of the Council. Much of the Council's networking is informal but much of it is formal.

The Council's quarterly NEWSLETTER contains information and resources which are of interest to individuals, families and family serving agencies. Plans are underway for the 1987-88 fiscal year to enhance the quality and circulation of our Newsletter. FAMILY MONTH '86 had as its theme "The World of Family in B.C." - a recognition of multifaith and multicultural traditions that enrich family and community life, in B.C. A 'do-it-yourself' poster with the message: "Families in B.C. Rooted in a World of Faiths and Traditions" was distributed to schools and community organizations throughout the province.

As a provincial organization, the Council continues to network with international, national, and provincial organizations and agencies. The Council is a member of the International Union of Family Organizations and receives regular world-wide information regarding family issues from the International office (Paris) and the Canadian office (Quebec). The Council exchanges resources with Family Forum (England), an organization that distributes many of our pamphlets.

Nationally, the Council is a member of Family Service Canada and the Vanier Institute of the Family. The Council represents British Columbia on the National Family Week Committee, an iniative of Family Service Canada. The Council is also a charter member of the newly-formed national organization -the Play and Parenting Connection. Provincially, the Council liaises with individuals and groups from various religious denominations, multicultural groups, family serving agencies, transition houses, public health, mental health and community colleges. For example, the Council plays an active role in The Provincial Consortium on Educational Services to Families in B.C. Since 1983 the Consortium has provided leadership and support to adult educators and others interested in meeting the learning needs of families in this time of transition. Presently the Council is waiting to hear if an application for funding to Health & Welfare Canada (Health Promotion Directorate) has been successful so that a joint project with the Consortium & the University of Victoria to develop a series of video tapes for training peer counsellors can proceed.

NEW INITIATIVES:

NEW INITIATIVES for 1986-87 include Phase II of an AWARDS PROGRAM - viz., THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO FAMILIES AWARD. This program was announced at the 1986 AGM and subsequently several thousand posters, nomination forms, and press releases were circulated around the province announcing the AWARD. The purpose of the award was to recognize exceptional volunteer and professional efforts and outstanding leadership in the cause of better family living in British Columbia. Sixty nominations were received from around the province, each one highlighting the dedication of individuals, couples, and groups. The Awards Selection Committee made up of Kathy Lynn - Regional Representative (Vancouver), Kathryn Mirhady, Joe Rosen, and Marilyn Stusiak had the challenging task of going through hundreds of pages of documentation. The 1986-87 AWARD winners were: Hamid Ireland - Queen Charlottes; LaLeche League of B.C. - Yukon; Lock and Joanne Mawhinney, Courtenay; Edna Nash, West Vancouver; and West Side Family Place, Vancouver.

The Council congratulates these exceptional people and organizations. Phase I of the Awards Program has continued to be a yearly recognition of retiring Board members who have served two three-year terms on the Board.

Another new initiative in the 1986-87 fiscal year was the publication of a SPEAKERS' BUREAU DIRECTORY. The Council receives many requests for speakers and workshop leaders who can address a variety of contemporary family life issues. The Speakers' Bureau Directory lists both speakers and topics and is available on request from the Council. The Directory has been distributed to Family Serving Agencies and Service Clubs in B.C.

The B.C. Council for the Family at the request of the KNOWLEDGE NETWORK presented a proposal for a series of programs on marriage and the family with a focus on family strengths. The first program will be aired October 8, 1987.

This fiscal year has been one of a high degree of involvement by the Council on two ministry committees - The Ministry of Health Working Group on Child and Family Health. The mandate of this group was to determine the scope and issues of child/family health, to develop child/family health objectives for consideration by the Prevention and Promotion Division of the Ministry of Health for the 1987/88 and 1988/89 fiscal years.

The Council is one of the members of the Family Life Education Advisory Committee announced by the Minister of Education, the Honourable Tony Brummet in March, 1987. The Committees task is to assist and critique the development of a Family Life Education curriculum for grades 7-12 being prepared for the 1987-88 school years.

To all those who have supported the B.C. Council for the Family, I extend my deepest appreciation: to the Board of Directors and Executive for your leadership, cooperation, and unflagging dedication; to Diane Taylor, Assistant to the Executive Director for her ability to juggle a variety of duties in an office with ever-expanding demands; to the faithful, competent, and cheerful core of volunteers - Ivy Cowan, Mina Wilson, Dorothy Reilly, Gloria Sanders, Nancy MacAulay, Cecilia Robb, and Lore Scott Polson, whose committment and hours of work are irreplaceable; and to Daniel Kreller who worked part-time in the Victoria office, and had, amongst his varied duties, the task of editing the Council Newsletter. He is missed by all of us in the office. I would like to thank the Honourable Claude Richmond, Minister of Social Services and Housing, Larry Ohlman, Joan Millar, Barbara Wilson and other Ministry Staff. Your ongoing help and encouragement are greatly appreciated. I would also like to extend thanks to Ken Harvey of the Vancouver School Board who so

generously gave the Council office space for three years in the Vancouver School Board's Career and Community Services. The calibre of the staff there was the source of both support and inspiration.

In the year ahead the Council will continue to strengthen its networking and expand its educational resources for families and those who work with families. The irreplaceable and irrefutable role of the family in shaping our society will continue to be the primary message of the Council in all its endeavours. In the Council's first ten years, we have grown in our ability to deliver that message. It will remain a challenge to all of us who support the Council to find fresh and creative ways of promoting that message in the years ahead.

CAROL MATUSICKY, Ph.D.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members
British Columbia Council for the Family

I have examined the balance sheet of the British Columbia Council for the Family as at March 31, 1987, the statement of revenue and expenditure, the statement of source and application of funds in respect of designated projects, and the statement of revenue, expenditure and capital of the Helen Patenaude Endowment Fund for the year then ended. My examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests and other procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances, except as noted in the following paragraph.

Donations, by their nature, are not susceptible to complete audit verification. Accordingly my verification of receipts of this type was limited to a comparison of recorded receipts with bank deposits.

In my opinion, except for the effect of any adjustments which might have been required had I been able to completely verify donations, the accompanying financial statements present fairly the financial position of the Council as at March 31, 1987 and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Bruce G. Murray
Chartered Accountant

Victoria, B.C.
August 19, 1987

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Balance Sheet As at March31, 1987

Assets	1987	1986
Current		
Cash	$21,840	$14,681
Cash - project account	2,455	3,023
	24,295	17,704
Fixed		
Office equipment - cost	5,640	5,640
Less: accumulated depreciation	2,256	1,128
	3,384	4,512
Trust fund	3,251	2,954
	$30,930	$25,170

Liabilities, Reserves and Equity

Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	$ 2,790	$ 2,254
Reserves		
Projects	2,455	3,023
Private agency fund	151	151
Educational materials fund	200	200
	2,806	3,374
Equity		
Balance, beginning of year	16,588	13,115
Excess of revenue over expenditure for year	5,495	3,473
	22,083	16,588
Trust fund	3,251	2,954
	$30,930	$25,170

On behalf of the Board

_____ Director

_____ Director

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Statement of Revenue and Expenditure

For the Year Ended March 31, 1987

Revenue	1987	1986
Operating grant - Government of British Columbia - (Note 2)	$122,367	$116,540
Grant - Secretary of State	—	2,200
Publications	7,674	789
Membership fees	5,104	6,223
Donations	1,360	3,876
Interest earned	1,277	1,205
	137,782	130,833
Expenditure		
Committee expenses		
Executive	2,498	1,427
Public Relations	327	793
Family month	1,015	951
	3,840	3,171
Administration costs (Note 3)	18,217	13,421
Annual meeting	4,576	5,435
Board meetings and regional development	3,613	5,742
Designated projects	—	2,000
Film production	—	2,500
Newsletter	4,613	4,284
Publications	23,156	22,432
Staff - salaries	57,480	52,576
- employee benefits	9,799	9,490
- travel	6,993	5,932
Miscellaneous	—	377
	132,287	127,360
Excess of revenue over expenditure for year	$ 5,495	$ 3,473

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Grants for Designated Projects

Statement of Source and Application of Funds

For the Year Ended March 31, 1987

	1987	1986
Project funds on hand, beginning of year	$ 3,023	$ 19,186
Source of funds		
Grants	—	13,805
Funds transferred from general account	—	2,000
Interest earned	100	136
	3,123	35,127
Application of funds		
Co-ordination costs	—	2,378
Graphics and illustrations	—	6,432
Printing, stationery and office	440	1,730
Rent	—	800
Travel	228	2,808
Wages and employee benefits	—	14,456
Writers	—	3,500
	668	32,104
Project funds on hand, end of year (Note 4)	$ 2,455	$ 3,023

Helen Patenaude Endowment Fund (Note 5)

Statement of Revenue, Expenditure and Capital

For the Year Ended March 31, 1987

	1987	1986
Capital, beginning of year	$ 2,954	$ 2,708
Revenue		
Donations	100	150
Interest earned	202	103
	3,256	2,961
Expenditure		
Bank charges	5	7
Capital, end of year	$ 3,251	$ 2,954

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Notes to the Financial Statements

March 31, 1987

1. Significant Accounting Policies

   Revenue recognition
   Operating grants are recorded in the period of accrual. Grants for designated projects, and membership fees, are recorded in the period in which they are received.

   Fixed assets and depreciation
   Office equipment is recorded at cost, and depreciation is provided on the straight line basis over an estimated useful life of five years.

   Publications
   All costs of publications are charged to expense in the period in which they are incurred.

2. Provincial Government Funding

   The Government of the Province of British Columbia funded the Council's costs of salaries, travel, professional services, office expenses and publications, by means of an operating grant. This grant amounted to $122,367 for the year ended March 31, 1987.

3. Administration Costs

	1987	1986
Accounting and audit	$ 1,393	$ 1,350
Depreciation - office equipment	1,128	1,128
Printing, stationery and office	13,205	9,757
Volunteer expenses	2,099	989
Miscellaneous	392	197
	$18,217	$13,421

4. Project Funds

   Unexpended funds of $2,455, which are included as a reserve in the balance sheet, represent the balance of grants received and contributions from general funds at the fiscal year end.

   As the related projects had been completed by March 31, 1987, these funds are available for future projects.

5. Trust Fund

   The Helen Patenaude Endowment Fund was established in 1983. It is the intention of the Board that this fund will remain intact until the capital and interest have reached an amount of $10,000.00.